

# November 2014 Midwest Region GSR Teleconference Minutes

November 15, 2014

Chair opened call.

Delegate lead group in recitation of the Serenity Prayer.

Chair read Tradition 11 and Concept 11.

## **Attendees:**

### **Groups:**

Fort Smith AR

Van Buren AR

Elmhurst IL

Homewood IL

Rockford IL (Thursday)

Springfield IL

Indianapolis IN

Branson MO

Des Peres MO

### **RSC Members:**

Chair

Delegate

Alternate Delegate

## **Teleconference Minutes:**

No minutes ready to approve at this time

## **Treasurer's Report:**

*(Full Document Sent by Treasurer on 10/30/14 Re: Treasurer's Report October, 2014)*

- Starting Balance: 991.79
- Revenue: 214.04
- Expenses: -371.91
- Ending Balance: 833.92
- The October Treasurer's Reports were unanimously accepted as submitted

## **Outreach Challenge:**

We do not have an Outreach Chair, but there is an archive of prior outreach challenges on the Midwest Region Website for use (<http://www.naranonmidwest.org/member-services/outreach-monthly-challenges/>). We are currently looking for someone to fill the Outreach Chair Position.

## **Delegate Report:**

- Great turnout for Assembly, thank you to all who could attend! Hopes the number of attendees continue to grow as it is a great opportunity to get to know each other better. The Assembly was very well organized, thank you to Branson for hosting.
- There was some disagreements over Roberts Rules of Order that could have been handled more appropriately. Roberts Rules of Order was passed, but we should keep our Principles primary over any parliamentary procedure.

- There has been a lot of new changes, so please always double check the roster and make sure we continue to communicate any changes so we can maintain open two-way communication.
- There were some documents for the delegate report that were not sent out in time for the assembly, however everyone should have a copy by now. If you do not, please ask.  
(Full Documents Sent by Chair 11/2/14 Re: MWR 2014 Assembly - Delegates documents)
- For the Delegate to fulfill the assigned duties and follow Tradition 1, they need to do what's best for the greatest number, which means information needs to get out to everyone.
- Survey results show that only 2 out of 31 groups felt they were receiving too many e-mails. Shutting down 2-way communication causes problems.
- If anyone has any suggestions or questions, please let Delegate know.
- Suggests that whoever is submitting the Call Minutes please put their name on the document so that the Region knows who worked on and submitted them.

#### **Old Business:**

- Secretary Position:
  - Shannon is grateful to be considered and still needs more time before being ready to accept the position
- 6th Annual Assembly:
  - Looking for a volunteer to host, talk about it with your groups
- 5th Annual Assembly Report and Balance Sheet  
(Full Document Sent by Chair on 11/04/14 Re: agenda GSR and attachments)
  - Thank you for everyone who participated
  - Region made a profit from Assembly!
 

Revenue:	2541.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>-1477.62</u>
Net Gain:	1063.38
  - If anyone wants to order Nar-Anon items from the Assembly, let Branson MO know
  - Idea to get more participants going forward is to take donations for groups who could not otherwise afford going to the assembly (have spot on registration form to donate)
  - Branson MO is willing to host again
- Survey Report and Prudent Reserve Report  
(Full Document Sent by Chair on 11/04/14 Re: agenda GSR and attachments)
  - Groups were grateful for and found Prudent Reserve Report useful for their groups

#### **New Business:**

- 2015 Theme for the Midwest Region
  - Outreach
  - Recovery
  - Principles of Service
    - Please talk about these choices with your groups
- (Elmhurst IL) Might consider hosting Assembly
- Narateen Update:
  - Interested members for Narateen Committee: Elmhurst IL, the Alternate Delegate, and Chesterfield MO
  - Requires two facilitators, Elmhurst IL being one and they are looking for another
  - Hoping for meeting to occur at same location and time as regular meeting

- (Chair) Received an email from the World Service Narateen Committee asking about the Regions knowledge of a Narateen meeting in Elmhurst. This email was forwarded to Elmhurst IL. We want to stay in communication with them on our Region's Narateen business.
- (Alternate Delegate )World Service Narateen Committee is working on helping to create helpful documentation for people who would like to start a Narateen meeting. There are a lot of area-to-area complexities with requirements we are dealing with Children. It will take time for the Region to develop requirements for Narateen within our Region.
- The passcode for member services on [www.naranonmidwest.org](http://www.naranonmidwest.org) is believed to be mwr13, but people could verify with Webmaster
- Delegate is willing to reply to Kathy's email from World Service Narateen committee
- Tradition 1 Workshop (Alternate Delegate)
- Upon request, further discussion on the concepts of service will be added to the next Agenda
- Contact RSC with discussion topics you would like considered for future GSR call agendas

### **Tradition 1 Workshop:**

*(Full Document Sent by Chair on 11/13/14 Re: updtae)*

Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends on unity.

- Questions:
  - Has anyone had any experiences related to unity in your groups or things that have helped them have more unity?
    - (Elmhurst IL) We got an opportunity to practice unity when we had conflict while planning a group event
    - (Rockford IL) Other group in area modeled how to let principles of the program guide us even when our natural instincts tell us to do otherwise. Even if people don't agree and have different perspectives the principles teach us to appreciate it. Unity isn't agreeing, it is accepting other people's perspectives.
    - (Delegate) Principles are the backbone of our program. Steps for personal growth, traditions for group, and concepts for service. Tradition 5 reminds us of our primary purpose. Tradition 12 reminds us to place principles above personalities. The principles can be used in all areas of life. Would like to hear suggestions or comments on what the 12 concepts of service means to them.
    - (Des Peres MO) Very happy to participate in the call and bring information back to the group. Not having a representative to bring information back has effected the health of her group.

### **Action Items:**

- Please talk to your groups regarding 2015 theme
- Please talk to your groups regarding hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> annual assembly
- Please share with your groups that the Secretary, Outreach Chair, and Convention Chair positions are still open for the Midwest Region and need to be filled
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### **Documents Referenced:**

(Please contact the RSC to request any of these documents)

- Treasurer's Report, Sent by Treasurer on 10/30/14 Re: Treasurer's Report October, 2014
- Delegate Documents, Sent by Chair 11/2/14 Re: MWR 2014 Assembly - Delegates documents
- Assembly Report/Balance Sheet and Survey Report/Prudent Reserve Report, Sent by Chair on 11/04/14 Re: agenda GSR and attachments
- Traditions Workshop, Sent by Chair on 11/13/14 Re: update